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# SPECIFICATION

# TITLE OF THE INVENTION

# METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSLATION LOOKASIDE BUFFER COHERENCE IN MULTI-PROCESSOR SYSTEMS CEIVED

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### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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## Field of the Invention

This invention relates to an apparatus, method and system for translation lookaside buffer ("TLB") coherence in computer systems; more particularly, this invention relates to an apparatus, method and system for TLB coherence in multi-processor computer systems.

### The Related Art

Virtual memory systems allow the addressing of large amounts of memory as though all of that memory were the main memory of the computer system even though actual main memory may consist of a substantially lessor amount of storage space. Virtual memory systems accomplish this by providing memory management units which translate virtual memory addresses into physical memory addresses. The physical addresses may be stored in the main computer memory, in cache memory systems, or otherwise.

If the physical address is kept in the main computer memory, the main computer memory uses lookup tables to locate the physical address. The computer compares the virtual address to the values stored in the tables to determine the physical address. There are often several levels of tables, and the comparison takes a long time to locate. To overcome this delay, the physical address may be stored in cache memories. Cache memories are fast components to store recently



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